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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS RESIGNS

1. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER GEORGE MAVROS SUBMITTED RESIGNATION TO PM CARAMANLIS OCTOBER 15 IN ORDER TO DEVOTE FULL ENERGIES TO ELECTION CAMPAIGN. PREMIER CARAMANLIS TEMPORARILY ASSUMED DUTIES OF FOREIGN MINISTER. IN STATEMENT EXPLAINING RESIGNATION OF MAVROS, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF CENTER UNION NEW FORCES PARTY, CHARACTERIZED HIS SERVICE IN CARMANLIS GOVERNMENT AS PERSONAL AND NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF POLITICAL PARTY. HE STRESSES SIGNIFICANCE OF GOVERNMENT BASED ON PEOPLE'S VOTE AS BEST MODALITY "TO PROVIDE RADICAL SOLUTION TO BASIC PROBLEMS." MAVROS CALLED ON PM LATER IN DAY AND REPORTEDLY THANKED CARAMANLIS FOR EXPERIENCE OF THEIR SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION IN NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT.

2. MAVROS' RESIGNATION WAS EXPECTED AND CLEARS WAY FOR HIS CONCENTRATING ON NOVEMBER 17 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS AS CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES CHAIRMAN. WHILE CARAMANLIS HAS ASSUMED POSITION OF FOREIGN MINISTER, UNDER SECRETARY DIMITRIOS BITSIOS PRESUMABLY WILL CARRY MOST OF
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